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LB 529, 627, 1026, 1327A

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...the whole issue that we're dealing with here, brought it before us and made LB 1327A a noncontroversial bill because...and there's an article that I'm passing out to you from the World-Herald that shows just what happened in this process. And the fact of the matter is that the court system, the county attorney system, up until about a week ago, all understood that this was something that was done by mistake. It was not intended. There was no debate. It was not an issue that was meant to be put into LB 529, at least not by the introducer, I don't believe, but yet it happened. And now we have to come back and I believe protect the integrity of the process and how we dealt with this issue. If you want to change the policy, that's fine. The policy can be changed, but not in this manner. This body needs to deal with issues like this, substantive issues like this on an up front, three stages of debate process.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: That did not happen in this case. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Pirsch, your light is next, followed by Senator Witek, Senator Beutler, Senator Bromm, Senator Lindsay, Senator Withem, Senator Hall, Senator Monen and Senator Warner.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, now to quote a, I believe it's Lowell Thomas, you heard the other side of the story. From my perspective, actually I'm a little bewildered by the different treatment of and this newspaper article that Tim Hall passed out. I do want to tell you it was not my intent to mislead anyone when I amended my truth in sentencing bill into the original bill. And, of course, that's what really the nexus of this argument relies on is LB 627. We should be talking about 627 and the truth in sentencing amendment that was adopted into my bill on Select had a public hearing before the Judiciary Committee. Indeed, after that public hearing and, of course, the Judiciary Committee stripped everything out of the bill except for boot camps, if you will recall, that bill then, on General File, was debated long and hard and at that time community corrections was amended back in. I don't know if we know the fiscal impact truly,